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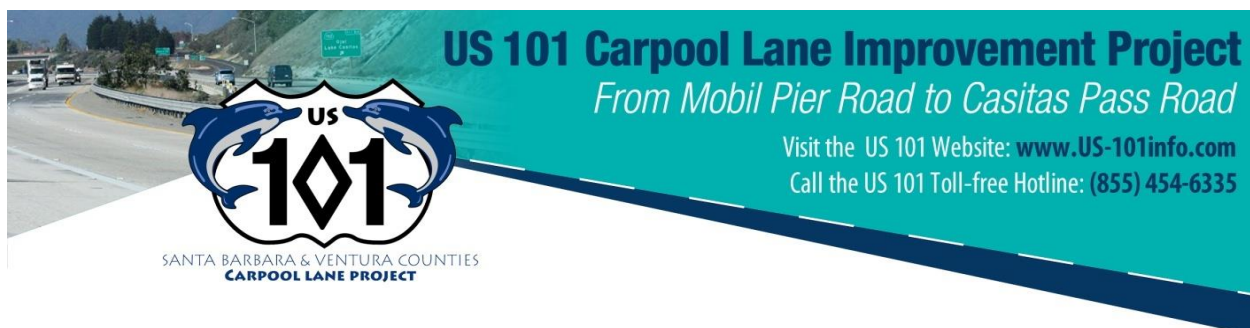
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## U.S. 101 CARPOOL LANE PROJECT CLOSURES

**VENTURA COUNTY** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the Bates Road on-ramp to the southbound Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101) **daily**, Monday through Friday, September 23 through September 27 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The closure relates to construction of a six-mile carpool lane from Mussel Shoals in Ventura County to Carpinteria in Santa Barbara County. Granite Construction is the contractor on the \$102 million project, estimated to complete by early 2015.

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A banner for the US 101 Carpool Lane Improvement Project. On the left is a photograph of a highway interchange. In the center is a large shield-shaped logo with 'US 101' and two blue dolphins. Below the logo is the text 'SANTA BARBARA & VENTURA COUNTIES CARPOOL LANE PROJECT'. On the right, against a teal background, is the text 'US 101 Carpool Lane Improvement Project' in large white letters, followed by 'From Mobil Pier Road to Casitas Pass Road' in a smaller white font. At the bottom right, it says 'Visit the US 101 Website: [www.US-101info.com](http://www.US-101info.com)' and 'Call the US 101 Toll-free Hotline: (855) 454-6335'.